

News briefs

Dorm baskets

People are needed to bake and donate homemade goodies to add to the annual dorm basket giveaways. Last year, more than 800 bags of goodies were delivered to dorm residents.

Items should be individually wrapped, but can include a few cookies or other goodies in each bag. People can drop off the items at the Spang Club 7-8 a.m. Wednesday. For more information, call Suzanne Hunt at 06575-903244 or Amanda Washington at 06575-903415.

Christmas tree sale

Local area Boy Scout Troops are selling Christmas trees at the Spangdahlem Air Base BX and Bitburg Annex commissary parking lots. Trees, which are German Blue Spruce and Danish Fir, range in size from 5 to 13 feet and cost between \$20-30.

Hours of operation are weekdays 5-7 p.m. and weekends noon-6 p.m. The Bitburg Annex tree lot is closed Monday. All proceeds benefit Eifel area Boy Scouts.

Senate confirms USECAF

WASHINGTON — Peter B. Teets was confirmed by the U.S. Senate Dec. 7 as the undersecretary of the Air Force.

As the Air Force's number two civilian, Teets is responsible for all actions of the Air Force, under the direction of the secretary. He is the first undersecretary to be the director of the National Reconnaissance Office, as recommended by the Jan. 11 Space Commission Report. The report further assigns the undersecretary of the Air Force as the designated acquisition executive for space, and gives the undersecretary milestone decision authority for defense space programs through the secretary of the Air Force.

Teets has an extensive background in space systems and defense programs, beginning as a flight control analysis engineer for the Titan III Space Launch Vehicle in 1963 while with Martin Marietta. He later served as the president of the Denver operations for Martin Marietta Astronautics from 1985 until 1993. In 1999, he retired as the president and chief operating officer for Lockheed Martin Corp. (Air Force Print News)

Convenience' extensions

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Airmen serving their first term of enlistment now have the choice to extend one year for their "personal convenience," said officials at the Air Force Personnel Center.

Prior to this change, first-term airmen could only apply to extend for mission-related reasons.

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Major response

Tech. Sgt. Joel Zoucha and Staff Sgt. Tonja Drawbond, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron bioenvironmental engineering flight, set up the Staplex air sampling device to detect and measure for possible radiation contamination. The flight, along with other units on base, was called by the disaster control group team during the Dec. 5 major area response exercise held at Spangdahlem Air Base. MAREs test the base's ability to respond to possible crises.

Staff Sgt. Esperanza Berrios

SVS officer wins leadership award

Air Force Lance P. Sijan CGO hails from Spang for second straight year

By Tech. Sgt. Rich Romero
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

For the second consecutive year, the Lance P. Sijan Air Force Leadership Award junior officer hails from Spangdahlem Air Base.

Capt. Shawn W. Campbell, 52nd Services Squadron combat support flight commander, was selected for 2001. Capt. Michael A. Geer, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, won the previous year.

Air Force Personnel Center officials cited Campbell's work in managing construction, renovation and upgrade projects worth more than \$43 million, and directing teams which won

two Air Force-level awards as leading factors in his selection. He also serves as the Company Grade Officers' Council president.

"Captain Campbell is an outstanding officer with an eye-watering track record," said Maj. Denise Hollywood, 52nd SVS commander. "I'm certain an officer with his kind of track record will be recruited by the Pentagon or a general officer's staff so I already put in a requisition for him for this summer."

Gen. Gregory S. Martin, U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander, surprised Campbell with the announcement of his selection during the command CGOC conference hosted here in late November. During Martin's opening remarks, he broke the news about the award.

"I was overwhelmed ... it's such an amazing honor," Campbell said. "Let me state in unequivocal terms, though, this

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Air Force officials announce selections to captain

The Air Force selected 3,408 first lieutenants, including 38 from Spangdahlem Air Base, for promotion in the officer boards held at the Air Force Personnel Center Aug. 27-31.

People meeting the calendar 2001-C Captain Central Selection Board were considered for promotion in the line, judge advocate general, chaplain, medical service corps, biomedical sciences corps and nurse corps.

The selection boards considered 3,428 first lieutenants for promotion. Local officers selected for captain follow:

52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Eric G. Barney

52nd Operations Support Squadron

Lindsey L. Bullard, Eric J. Demmitt, Nathaniel M.K. Johnson, Brian Y. No, Samuel S. Palmer, Christopher T. Schneider, Allison M. Delgrande, Matthew C. Jensen, Travis L. Norton and Justin B. Spears

22nd Fighter Squadron

James Caplinger, Matthew Hayden and Jennifer Ranous

52nd Civil Engineer Squadron

Tobey J. Clarkin

52nd Communications Squadron

Richard E. Cullivan

606th Air Control Squadron

John M. Daniels and Dawn M. Drinkwine

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606th Air Control Squadron arrives in Kuwait

By Senior Airman Amy Muggerud
386th Expeditionary Air Control Squadron

ALI AL SALEM, Kuwait - Wet weather greeted members of the 606th Air Control Squadron as they arrived here recently. Normally part of the 52nd Fighter Wing at Spangdahlem Air Base, the 606th deployed to Kuwait as part of Air Expeditionary Force 10.

Assuming duties as the 386th Expeditionary ACS, the 606th relieved an air control squadron from Hill Air Force Base, Utah. About two-thirds of the 606th are deployed to Kuwait.

"Although the 606th only had a couple of months notification we were coming to Ali Al Salem, we were able to conduct comprehensive training to prepare our personnel," said Lt. Col. James Dew, 386th EACS commander. "Our last field deployment and recent (Southwest Asia)-specific training prepared us to operate anywhere in austere conditions. Luckily, our personnel are tremendously talented, plus many of our folks have deployed (here) at least once before."

As one of only two air control squadrons left in U.S. Air Forces in Europe, the 606th takes pride in providing USAFE with the only U.S.

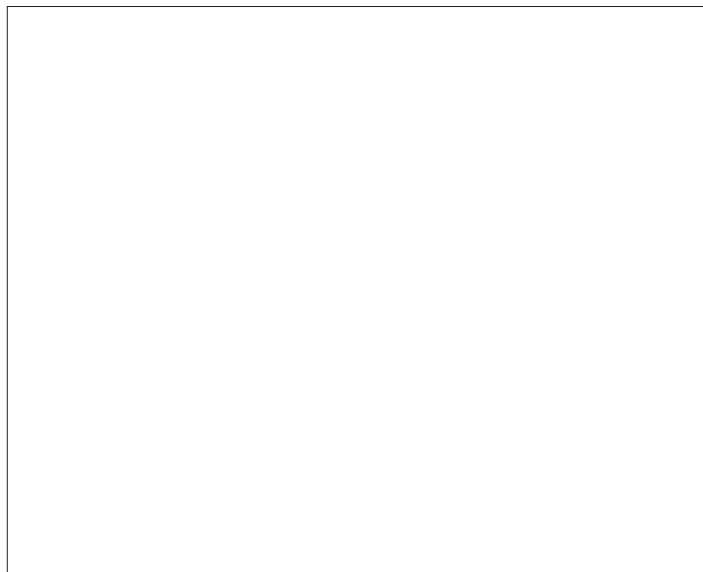
ground mobile command and control capability in Germany, according to Dew.

Trained to operate and be self-sustaining in austere conditions, the 606th's unique training paid dividends following the events of Sept. 11, Dew said. Tasked to augment Spangdahlem AB's security forces, the 606th provided 16 trained M-60 gunners for more than a month to augment the base's force protection program.

Even though the 606th will be away from families during the holidays, they are proud of the mission they do every day, according to Chief Master Sgt. Paul McGeorge, maintenance superintendent.

"Hopefully, during this deployment a lot of young airman will get to see the big picture and what their role in the Air Force is about, McGeorge said. "It's not just about the day-to-day things we do (at home) like preventative maintenance on the generators.

"It's about ensuring the radar has power so it can turn and provide the air picture to the controllers. They can send the picture to the command staff so they can make logical decisions about possible threats to pilots patrolling the southern no-fly zone."



Tech. Sgt. Mark A. Crespo, 386th Expeditionary Air Control Squadron ground radar systems crew chief, explains the TPS-75 radar van to Maj. Gen. Dan Leaf, Air Force director of requirements, during his recent visit to Southwest Asia. The 606th Air Control Squadron is deployed to Kuwait for its Air Expeditionary Force rotation.

Senior Airman Amy Muggerud

Accidents

By John W. Keeler
52nd Security Forces Squadron Reports and Analysis

Twenty-one Team Eifel members experienced vehicle accidents in the past week, five of which were major.

The first happened on B-50 near the Stahl turn-off. A German national, traveling toward Bitburg crossed into oncoming traffic and collided with an airman assigned to Spangdahlem Air Base. Both were transported to the Bitburg Krankenhaus for medical treatment.

The airman sustained a bruised chest, sprained shoulder and cuts to his forehead. The German also sustained injuries. Both were later released and their vehicles towed from the scene.

The second reported accident took place on L-46 near the Spangdahlem Pass Buero. An airman driving toward Spangdahlem rear-ended a German national as she left the parking area of Pass Buero.

Security forces found both drivers involved in the accident were at fault. The airman was found to be traveling too fast for weather conditions and the German did not yield to traffic. There were no injuries, but the airman's vehicle was towed from the scene.

The third accident happened on B-51 outside of Idesheim. This accident happened when an airman was stuck in traffic. As he waited for the traffic to drive away, he was unexpectedly hit from behind.

The impact dislodged his rear bumper, and dented the gas tank and front bumper. The airman's son complained of back pain. He was taken to the local Krankenhaus for a checkup.

The fourth accident took place on A-2 near Prum. An airman's car began to fill with smoke.

Once he smelled it, he began to pull over to the side, but lost control of his vehicle and hit two road markers, a curb and finally a tree. There were no injuries, but the vehicle was towed from the scene.

The fifth happened at the intersection of B-50 and L-46. An airman's vehicle hit black ice, lost control and flipped. The vehicle had severe damage to the roof, hood, front grill and windshield. There were no injuries, but the vehicle was towed from the scene.

The 16 minor accidents involved:

- Four from driving too fast for road conditions.
- Five from improper backing.
- Six from inattentive driving.
- One was parking lot related.

In addition, 11 citations were issued.

Regulation tid-bit

"Failure to Report an Accident"

The following information is provided for people assigned at Spangdahlem AB reacquaint them on the consequences of failing to report an accident. Failure to report an accident can result in the suspension of the driving license for 180 days. Spangdahlem AB Instruction 31-204, dated May 15, 1999, states:

"Vehicle operators who are involved in traffic accidents on the installation will immediately notify the security forces, regardless of the degree of damage. Failure to report involvement in a traffic accident and/or fleeing the scene will result in a traffic citation. Vehicle operators who are involved in traffic accidents off base must report the accident immediately to the security forces and German Polizei."

Captains

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23rd Fighter Squadron

Tammy T. France, Matthew R. Glynn, Henry R. Jeffress, Chad G. Lewis, Jamie L. Peterson, Brandon T. Roth and Mark D. Vanbrunt

52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Jean-Jacques Futey

752nd Munitions Support Squadron, Volkel Air Base, Netherlands

Sabrina A. Jones

81st Fighter Squadron

John A. Lesho, Scott C. Pettis, Scott M. Alford, Mark D. Falsani, Christopher D. Forrest, Joshua F. Hughes, Rebecca L. Muggli and Eric P. Palaro

52nd Munitions Support Squadron, Kleine Brogel Air Base, Belgium

John M. Newton

52nd Fighter Wing

David S. Walker

52nd Mission Support Squadron

Russell C. Callaway

The results of the boards are below.

Selection statistics in-the-promotion zone:

- Line — 3,192 selected from 3,202 considered for a 99.7 percent select rate;
- JAG — 10 of 10 considered;
- Chaplain — 14 of 14 considered;
- MSC — 44 of 44 considered;
- BSC — 59 of 59 considered; and
- NC — 85 selected from 86 considered for a 98.8 percent select rate.

Four line officers from 11 considered were promoted above-the-promotion zone for a 36.4 percent select rate. Two nurse corps officers were considered above-the-promotion zone, but not selected. No JAG, chaplain, MSC or BSC officers were considered from above-the-promotion zone. (Air Force Print News)

Don't trash Christmas this year

Recycling paper, trees gift to environment

By 2nd Lt. Nadja Frank and
Master Sgt. Harold Harper
52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight

Christmas is almost here and with it comes all the joys and laughter of families as they open their gifts on Christmas Day.

Unfortunately, Christmas also brings large amounts of wrapping paper, boxes and other packaging materials that get thrown away.

The amount of material generated Christmas Day alone far exceeds the limited amount of trash and paper container space. Add to this the two-day German holiday on Dec. 25-26 and it's easy to see how waste containers throughout military housing areas overflow.

To reduce the burden on the trash and paper containers, follow these suggestions.

Paper, plastic and trash

First, separate recycling and trash as it's disposed. Doing this will ensure the materials will get recycled.

Wrapping, tissue paper and boxes all belong in the dumpster labeled with a blue paper recycling sticker. Before disposal, try to reduce the size of the material as much as possible. All boxes should be broken down so they lie flat and wrapping paper tightly compressed and bagged to reduce the amount of space it takes up.

When containers are full, people often dump the material on the ground or stuff it in the overflowing container, creating an eyesore. Bag materials that don't fit in a container or use a large cardboard box to put other paper and cardboard into. This makes it

easier for contractors to pick it up.

Packaging materials other than paper, such as all plastic and styrofoam, belong in a yellow bag. Contractors will not pickup these items if placed in a regular trash bag.

When there's no more room in the yellow-bag containers, neatly place the material in the enclosure or around the containers without blocking access to them. In addition, all residents are encouraged to use the base recycling centers located on Spangdahlem Air Base and the Bitburg Annex.

The recycling centers have containers designed to handle large amounts of material and are a great way to help keep the base clean and neat.

Both recycling centers close Dec. 25-26 for the holidays.

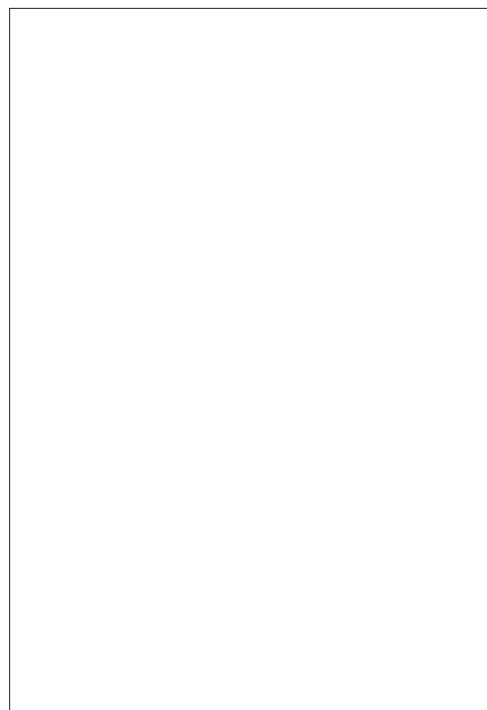
Christmas trees

To properly dispose of Christmas trees, first remove the all ornaments, tinsel, lights and other decorations. Place the Christmas trees beside dumpster enclosures where they can be seen from the road.

Don't place trees in the enclosures or block access to the containers with them. Christmas tree recycling pickup takes place Dec. 27 through Jan. 11 for all military-family and government-leased housing areas. Off-base residents can dispose of Christmas trees at base recycling centers.

Regular waste pickups scheduled for some housing areas will be rescheduled due to the holidays. Off-base residents should contact their landlord for date changes.

For more information on recycling and trash disposal during the holidays, call the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight at 452-5124.



Airman 1st Class Michelle S. Roquid

In remembrance

Members of the 52nd Fighter Wing Honor Guard present arms after the 21-gun-salute at a remembrance ceremony in honor of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack victims. The ceremony was held exactly at the same time the first airplane crashed into the World Trade Center three months ago.

Sijan

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belongs to the entire services squadron team. I'm doing little more than standing on the shoulders of champions. No one wins alone. This award punctuates what I think to be too true - services really does great things, day in and day out, for the Eifel community."

Campbell and his family - pregnant wife Beth and 3-year-old Taylor - didn't have long to celebrate his selection or even enjoy the holiday season. He's among the nearly 700 members from throughout the 52nd Fighter Wing deployed in support of contingency operations. He's currently the services chief for Operation Northern Watch at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey.

Five years ago, Campbell would have been competing for this award in the junior enlisted category when he was an airman first class. After completing a bachelor's degree program in business management in 1995, he was selected to attend and completed Officer Training School the next year. He continued his education pursuit by completing a master's degree in business administration at New Hampshire College in 1999.

The Buffalo, N.Y., native attributes his career high points to the philosophy, "work hard, demand excellence and expect results," he said. Among those

highs are distinguished graduate from the Civil Engineer and Services School in 1996 and from Squadron Officer School in 2000; outstanding performer at the Services Combat Support Flight Chiefs Course; and top MBA graduate from New Hampshire College in 1999.

While the Sijan award annually recognizes a senior and junior officer and a senior and junior enlisted member who demonstrate outstanding leadership abilities and are assigned to organizations at the wing-level or below, Campbell said he couldn't pinpoint anything that set him apart from other officers.

"There are so many hard working, talented and dedicated professionals across the wing; any one of them is as deserving of this award as any other," he said.

The Sijan award was created in 1981 and is named in honor of the first Air Force Academy graduate to receive the Medal of Honor. Sijan was shot down over Vietnam Nov. 9, 1967, and successfully evaded capture for 45 days despite suffering severe injuries. He later succumbed to his injuries while in a Vietnamese prisoner-of-war camp. Sijan was presented the Medal of Honor posthumously for his heroism as a POW. (Air Force Print News contributed to this story.)

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"The initiative originated with the major command senior enlisted leadership," said Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Jim Finch, "and it makes sense to implement the change, given our current focus on retention."

The change falls under Rule 28, Best Interest of the Air Force, in Air Force Instruction 36-2606, Reenlistment In the United States Air Force. Airmen wishing to extend under this expanded rule must be re-enlistment eligible, must not fall under any of the other 27 rules and must extend for the entire 12-month period, said Master Sgt. Anthony McKenzie, assistant chief of the skills management branch at AFPC.

First-term airmen can only extend under this rule once, and the total of this and any other extensions cannot exceed 23 months. (Air Force Print News)

Cereal recalled

The Quaker Oat Company is voluntarily recalling Quaker Oat Life cereal in the 21-ounce box, bearing a "best-use-by" date of Sept. 19, 2002. The UPC code for this product is 03000006110. A manufacturing defect with this particular batch allowed small pieces of cereal dough to be mixed in with the normal product. This problem is a quality issue and not a health hazard.

The affected product is carried in

European commissaries. Any patrons who have the cereal with the above use by date at home may return it to the commissary for a full refund. For more information, call the Spangdahlem Air Base commissary at 452-6606 or the Bitburg Annex commissary at 452-9211. (Defense Commissary Agency)

Logistics officers

The 52nd Fighter Wing Logistics Officers Association meets Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. at the Spang Club. All officers are welcome.

For more information, call Capt. Julie Wende at 452-5036.

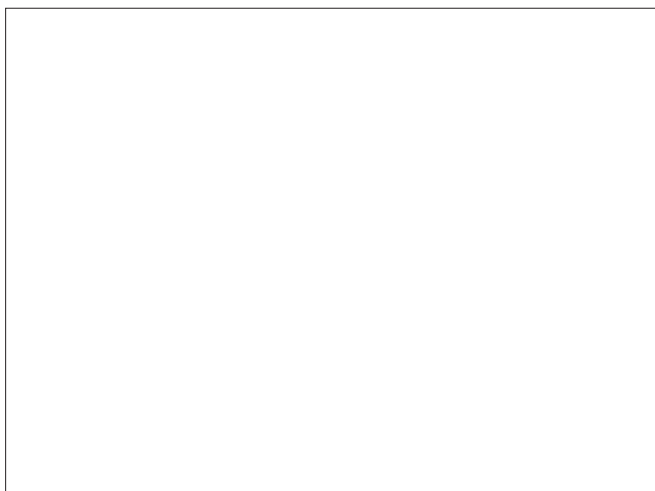
Fitness test continues

BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C.

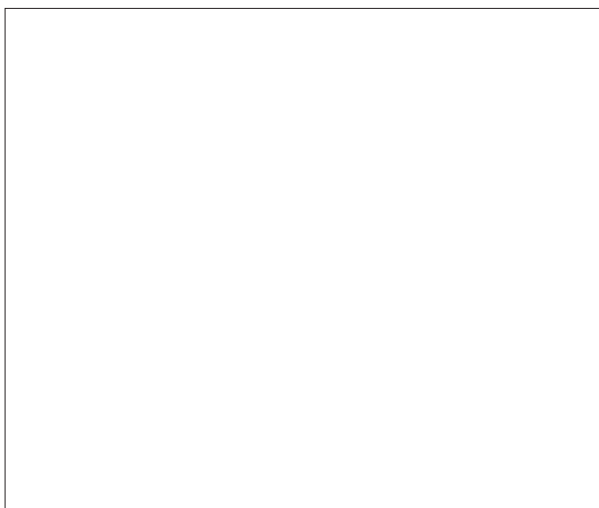
— Air Force people will continue muscle-fitness testing, push-ups and crunches on an informal, non-pass/fail basis beyond Jan. 1, the Air Force Surgeon General announced.

"The extra change in an already turbulent time for our Air Force was a bridge too far," said Lt. Gen. Paul K. Carlton Jr., the Air Force Surgeon General. "We will continue to test as we have, delay any mandatory enforcement until our turbulence settles down, and then re-address."

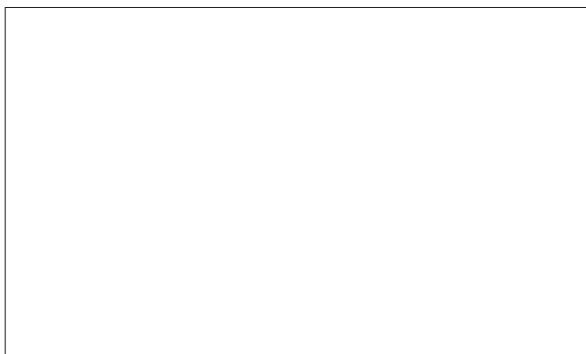
"The fitness test has been discussed at some length for the entire test period. We felt the Air Force was not yet ready to take on more change at this time." (Air Force Print News)



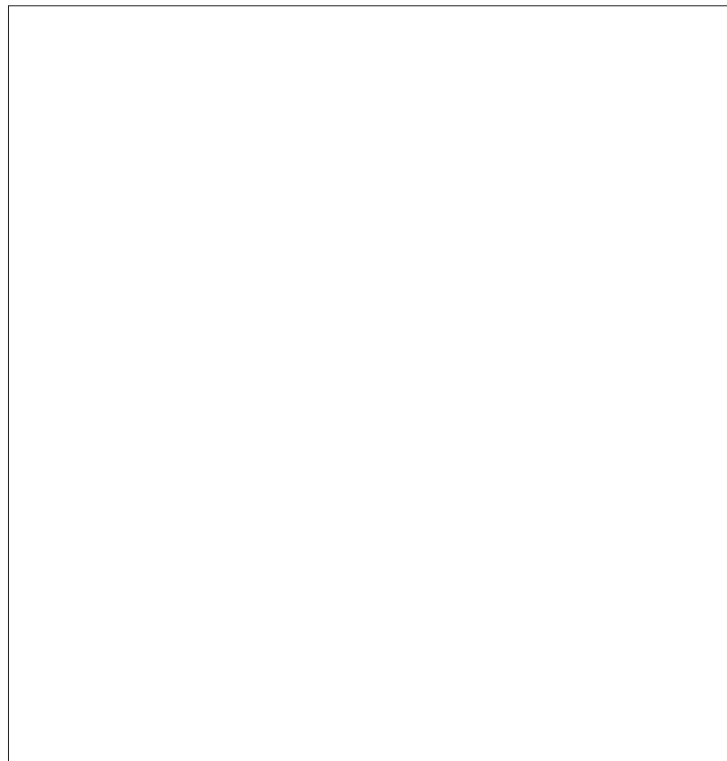
Front to back, Senior Airman Julie Sigman, Staff Sgt. Richelle Wright and Tech. Sgt. Patrick Williams review squadron command post checklist procedures. The command post is the squadron communications hub, relaying mission-critical information to agencies during exercises and real-world contingencies.



Tech. Sgt. Phillip Davis, 852nd MUNSS post office NCO in charge, registers new arrival Airman 1st Class Rachel Santana for joint-mailbox privileges with her spouse, Airman 1st Class Mike Santana.



Front to back, Tech. Sgt. Robbin Rooney, and Staff Sgts. Matthew Montgomery and David Flosi, 852nd MUNSS munitions maintenance element, practice loading munitions into a weapons maintenance truck. The truck contains all the tools and electrical power needed to maintain and repair squadron munitions.



Right to left, Staff Sgt. Shawn Shaut, 852nd Munitions Support Squadron weapons loading crewmember, load munitions on a Tornado P-200 during a flight exercise.

852nd MUNSS ans

By Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

All is peaceful for the 852nd Munitions Support Squadron — until the exercise alarm sounds.

Answering the claxon's urgent call, all members of the 137-person squadron at Buechel Air Base, Germany, jump to action and man their posts. Their mission is to defend, maintain and employ NATO's premier weapons. Within minutes, everyone is ready for action.

Such preparedness doesn't just happen though, and the members of this 52nd Fighter Wing geographically separated unit know that. Practice makes perfect and reveals obstacles to overcome — and the 852nd MUNSS has its fair share. The communications and conveniences most Team Eifel members can take for granted are hurdles 852nd MUNSS members must scale daily.

Mission

"Fliegerhorst" Buechel, home of the 852nd MUNSS, is a little more than an hour drive northeast of Spangdahlem AB and about 15 minutes south of Cochem. Serving under the 52nd Logistics Group, the 852nd is the custodian of a \$500 million weapons stockpile, in support of the German Air Force 33rd Fighter-Bomber unit, who in turn supports the NATO fighter/bomber mission.

Squadron members there share a unique challenge with their sister munitions units at Volkel AB, Netherlands, Klein Brogel AB, Belgium, and Ghedi AB, Italy. They work side-by-side with European nationals, many of whom only speak basic English. Most 852nd MUNSS members knew even less German before arriving on station.

"We're integrated with the Germans," said Lt. Col. Richard Naughton, squadron commander. "When we go out there to work, the guy working right next to you is likely to be a German national."

Although it has been under several different names during the years, the 852nd MUNSS has operated as a tenant unit on the 2,000-person German air base since 1958. Since then, every 852nd MUNSS member has maintained the same top priority — to be the caretakers of NATO's premier weapons.

"We work well together," said Oberfeldwebel Joerg Golumbeck,

JABOG-33 weapons loader from each other."

Daily, 852nd MUNSS ensuring all munitions ready to prepare their jets for a so weapons crews work together to prepare the munitions and JABOG-33 loaders who rig unwieldy loads on the jet. While, an 852nd load monitor everyone follows procedure book for safety.

Squadron security force: constantly vigilant, working side with German military protecting squadron resources. If a security violation occurs, German forces immediately to the scene together.

Training

"We're an integral part of Naughton explained. "We munitions support for an air inventory. Even though we war mission is here with the defend, maintain and employment standards."

That's why few groans weekly squadron mission a commander's call. All the practiced in vain, according spirit needed to get the mission.

"JABOG-33 will start attending our staff meetings training, I believe we're very

Photos by Staff Sgt. Karen Silcott

loading monitor, assists Oberfeldwebel Sasha Werner, JABOG-33 weapons

Master Sgt. Jeffrey Staley, 852nd MUNSS security forces, coaches a squadron member on how to properly grip an M-16 rifle while low crawling during a tactical training course held on Buechel Air Base this past summer.

Answers NATO's premier weapons call

er. "Language is a challenge, but we all learn

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of the JABOG-33 fighter-bomber mission," have a unique mission in that we provide aircraft that's not in the American military e get our support from Spangdahlem, our go-to- ne Germans who provide support to NATO. We loy NATO's premier weapons to the highest

were heard when their commander mandated and physical training during a recent alarms, the running and the scenarios aren't ig to Naughton. It's to build the skills and team ssion done right. loing P.T. with us and leadership will begin gs soon," he explained. "Because of our ery good at what we do. I believe the thing to do

is to continue our integrated training so we can continue improving."

Maintaining high standards with a team comprised of 10 different Air Force specialties and German troops is an everyday squadron challenge. Naughton encourages flight chiefs to develop creative means of keeping weekly individual, flight and squadron training interesting.

For example, one day the squadron incorporated physical fitness with individual training by setting up stations around the base round-robin style. While backpacking mission essential equipment, members in groups of 10 hiked to six different stations, including self-aid buddy care, combat arms, chemical warfare and others.

"I think the training is building camaraderie and bringing us together," said Senior Master Sgt. Cathleen Hooks, squadron first sergeant.

"Everyone knows the scenarios and comes together to do the mission. It's what makes GSUs unique because we

have the opportunity to do squadron functions like that."

Community

Although the 852nd MUNSS interacts closely with JABOG-33 and the 52nd FW, the squadron runs fairly independently. On base, the squadron maintains its own command post, maintenance flight, safety office, communications, services, basic active duty and family member medical care, and some security functions and community services.

With the exception of a limited amount of German air force-provided base housing in nearby Ulmen, Buechel has no military housing in the local area. As a result, squadron members rent homes within the local community or commute from Spangdahlem AB or the Bitburg Annex military housing areas. Also, there's no local U.S. schools, so most members with school-aged children live in Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex military housing.

Master Sgt. Lisa Grimmer, 852nd Services Flight NCO in charge, lives

in Bitburg Annex military housing and makes the more than two hour round-trip commute to work daily so her child can attend a U.S. school. The sacrifice is time and about \$40 in gas weekly. But, the rewards of improving quality of life for people at a base where even the smallest gains mean a lot, makes it worthwhile, she said.

"It's a unique challenge of all the MUNSS in that you're away from the main operating base, which provides great support, but you're still not able to just go to the commissary or the base exchange," Naughton said. "It's the little things that make a difference."

Because the squadron must be somewhat self-reliant, unit members continually look for ways to improve their quality of life on base.

When Tech. Sgt. Phillip Davis took over the squadron post office, he noticed customer service window hours weren't shift-worker friendly. Davis immediately developed a plan allowing him to stay in the post office more by having each flight pick up and distribute their mail. Using the plan, the one-man post office opens for service eight hours each weekday.

What most people would view as challenges, however, some 852nd MUNSS members view as benefits of working away from a larger base. Although Buechel AB may not offer much entertainment for young airmen, some take advantage of services the base does offer.

"One good thing here is when we're not training we have time to study our (career development courses) and for college courses," said Senior Airman Nicole Posey, 852nd MUNSS security forces member.

For others, the tranquil atmosphere the Mosel River region offers is just another benefit of being stationed at the GSU.

"It's really nice being out here," said Staff Sgt. Dawn Powers, Eagle's Nest dining facility shift leader. "We're a close-knit community, it's peaceful and most people don't know we're even here."

"A lot of the people here speak at least a little German because they have to," Naughton said. "Our people get very involved in the local community. The German communities, however, aren't overwhelmed with Americans, so the local people aren't as used to Americans as in some areas, even though we've been here for a long time. So when you're out here — you're truly in Germany."

The 52nd Fighter Wing supports dozens of geographically separated units throughout Europe in its mission to achieve U.S. and NATO objectives. As part of the 52nd Logistics Group, the 852nd Munitions Support Squadron is the wing's caretaker of a \$500 million munitions stockpile for NATO's airstrike mission.

Community Mailbox

Chapel services

Advent and Christmas services take place in the Spangdahlem AB Chapel during the following dates and times:

Catholic

- 7 p.m. Wednesday, communal reconciliation
 - 5 p.m. Dec. 22, vigil Mass
 - 9:15 a.m. Dec. 23, Mass
 - 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Mass
 - 5 p.m. Dec. 29, vigil Mass
 - 9:15 a.m. Dec. 30, Mass
- #### Protestant
- 11:15 a.m. Dec. 23, traditional service
 - 7 p.m. Dec. 24, candlelight service
 - 11:15 a.m. Dec. 30, traditional service
 - 11:30 p.m. Dec. 31, watch-night service

Services take place in the Bitburg Annex Chapel the following dates and times:

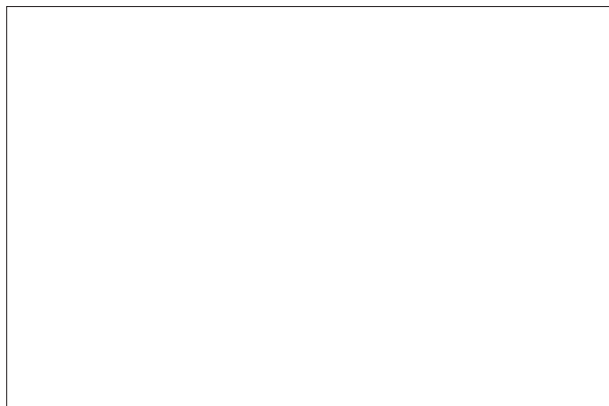
Catholic

- 7 p.m. Thursday, communal reconciliation
 - 11:30 a.m. Dec. 23, Mass
 - 5 and 9 p.m. Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Mass
 - 11:30 a.m. Dec. 30, Mass
 - 7 p.m. Dec. 31, New Year's Eve Mass
- #### Protestant
- 8:15 a.m. Dec. 23, liturgical service
 - 9:35 a.m. Dec. 23, contemporary service

- 1 p.m. Dec. 23, gospel service
- 7 p.m. Dec. 24, candlelight service
- 9 p.m. Dec. 24, candlelight service
- 8:15 a.m. Dec. 30, liturgical service
- 9:35 a.m. Dec. 30, contemporary service
- 1 p.m. Dec. 30, gospel service
- 11:30 p.m. Dec. 31, watch-night service

Landscheid Christmas market

The community of Landscheid invites their American friends and neighbors to a



Staff Sgt. Karen Z. Silcott

The band marches on ...

The Bitburg High School "Barons" Marching Band performs for parade watchers at Spangdahlem's Annual Christmas Parade. The band plays a wide variety of holiday music. After the parade, Col. John Watkins, 52nd Fighter Wing vice commander, lit the base tree. This year the town of Spangdahlem donated the Christmas tree.

joint German-American Christmas market Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Highlights include a visit by an American Santa and his Christmas Angel at 2:45 p.m. and a concert by the Spangdahlem Air Base Gospel Choir at 4 p.m. Entertainment will be featured throughout the day.

La Leche League

A club meeting takes place at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Bitburg Annex hospital conference room. Call Margaret Loffelman at 06565-7555 for details.

White Swan

The White Swan airport shuttle leaves Bitburg Annex billeting at 5 a.m. and Spangdahlem AB billeting at 5:30 a.m. for Frankfurt International Airport and Rhein-Main AB, beginning Sunday. Call the traffic management office at 452-6661 for more information.

Holiday closure

DRMO-Bitburg closes Dec. 24 through Jan. 1, 2002. Call 452-9299 for more information.

In the classroom

- A Spangdahlem Elementary School

Parent, Teacher, Student Association membership meeting takes place at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the school cafeteria. The SES choir and third grader play, "December in Our Town," also take place. Call Lisa Duke at 452-6881 for details.

■ Bitburg High School officials seek a parent volunteer to join the school advisory committee. Call 452-9202 or 452-9337 for details.

Winter arts festival

Spangdahlem Middle School invites the community to attend its "Winter Festival of the Arts" at 7 p.m. Thursday in the multipurpose room. The school band and chorus will perform, and student artwork will be displayed. For more information, call Mia Checkley at 06565-933309.

Christmas play

ACT-Eifel performs "The Rented Christmas" today, Saturday and Dec. 21-22 at 7 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activities Center.

Tickets are available at the CAC. Prices are \$2 for adults, \$1 for 15 and under, or \$5 or a donated toy for the whole family. For more information, call Master Sgt. Robert Benton at 452-5444, Dawn Bingman at

06562-966967, the CAC at 452-7381 or send an e-mail to act_eifel@yahoo.com.

Area conference

The Rhine Eifel Area conference takes place 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Jan. 11 in the Spang Club. Officials invite Eifel-region volunteers to attend. Sessions include executive board, volunteerism, personal growth classes and more.

Call Bernadette Young at 06561-670473 or e-mail yngbrkb@hotmail.com.

Angel Trees

The Air Force Sergeant's Association, in conjunction with the base chapel, hosts this year's Angel Tree Project. The goal of the project is to provide gifts to children who may not receive gifts otherwise with a focus on young families or those facing financial hardship.

To participate, choose a card from a Christmas tree located at the Spangdahlem Air Base or Bitburg Annex main exchanges. Drop off unwrapped gifts at the exchange customer service counter, base chapel or with unit first sergeants by Wednesday. For more information, call Tech Sgt. Ruel Rafi at 452-6845 or Staff Sgt. Lawan Williams at 452-8285.

Club discussion

Local Freemasons interested in future Masonic plans should call Chief Master Sgt. Norman Burgo at 06562-932483.

Children's program

The Spangdahlem Air Base Chapel hosts a New Year's children's program for ages 5-13. Rehearsals take place 10-11:30 a.m. each Saturday in the Spangdahlem AB Chapel through Jan. 5. For more information, call Alaine Strozier at 06565-955898.

Christmas music

Wing chapel services holds a Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Sunday in the Bitburg Annex Chapel. Call the Spangdahlem Air Base Chapel at 452-6711 for more information.

Education news

Embry-Riddle University seeks instructors for aviation, math and technical writing courses. Applicants must have a master's degree. Call 452-7553 for details.

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Little things

Stateside preschooler sends letter, reminds captain of important things

By Capt. Kyle Gibson
52nd Medical Group executive officer

With the help of his mother, a preschooler
named Jacob wrote a letter and sent it to the
address my sister provided. His questions were
direct and short. What is it like being in the
service and do I shoot a gun or drive a tank?

After answering no to most his questions, I
mailed him a small package of consolation; just
a little something, no big deal.

My first supervisor was big on inspecting the
"little something's." He would say, "I know the
big things are going to get done, but if I inspect
the little things it can provide me an indicator of
how you are doing the big things."

He always preached "little things." My next
supervisor, writing an annual award package,
wanted to spend a little time going over it — two
minutes per line with me explaining the
background and any other impact each bullet
may have had. Impact — it changed my life.

Reflecting on these little acts of past mentors,
I threw a box in the mail to an unknown child as
any of us might do to complete a task. Thinking
about my past mentors, not because they defined
themselves in my life through innovative
changes they made or sweeping reforms, but
because of the little things they did for the
people around them and moments of mentorship

they impressed upon my memory.

Recently, a small box of gratitude came back
to me with a letter from Jacob's parents, but
perhaps meant for all of us.

"Dear Airman,

"Thank you so much
for your thoughtfulness!
Jacob was so excited to
get your package and we
appreciate your kindness.
Jacob loves to pass along
the information you have
shared with him to
others, especially his
paternal grandfather, who
was in the Air Force as
well. During the past few
months, Jacob has been a
witness to the history
unfolding before us all
and he is realizing that
the armed forces are an

important part of our present and our future —
not just our past that he is so enthralled with.

"David and I would like to thank you for
taking the time to befriend a little boy who
adores soldiers and all they stand for. We, as a
family, would like to extend a heartfelt
appreciation to you, your family and all those

who are so willing to unselfishly sacrifice and
protect us through the times of peace as well as
the times of strife.

"Please know that because of our family's
ties to World War II and the Korean War, we

have always been proud
to share with Jacob the
importance as well as
the seriousness of
serving our country.
We have tried to
impress upon Jacob
that war is not
glamorous, like some
movies or books make
it out to be.

"Please know that
we believe strongly in
the American duty to
support those in our
armed forces and we
thank you, as well your

sister, for giving our family a more direct
method of doing so. May God bless you, your
family and all the other men and women who
are willing to sacrifice civilian life for the
utmost honor of serving our country.

"Sincerely, David and Cleete"

So, it is the little things.

Please know that we
believe strongly in the
American duty to
support those in the
armed forces and we
thank you ... for giving
our family a more direct
method of doing so.

American citizen

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.
More movie synopsis information is available at:
www.aafes.com/europe/eur_mov/snop.htm

Bitburg Castle

Today

Domestic Disturbance (R)

Frank Morrison, a divorced father, discovers his son Danny's new stepfather, Kurt, is not what he made himself out to be. Danny tells his father he saw Kurt murder someone, and now Danny must live in the same house with a killer. Nobody believes Danny, except his father. Morrison sets out on a mission to rescue his son from a life-threatening situation.

Saturday

Domestic Disturbance

Sunday

Hardball (PG-13)

When Conor O'Neill tries to borrow money from a friend to pay for his gambling habit, the loan is on the condition that he coaches a Little League baseball team from the Cabrini Green housing projects. Meanwhile, off the field, O'Neill finds himself falling for the children's teacher, Miss Wilkes. As he begins to fully embrace his new role as a coach and father figure, tragedy strikes and teaches O'Neill a much more valuable life lesson.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Two Can Play That Game (R)

When it comes to matters of the heart, keeping her man happy and committed is all in a day's work for Shante Smith. But when her boyfriend Keith is caught stepping out with her archrival, Smith institutes a plan to get her man in line. Smith's about to discover not only are there no rules - she's not the only one playing.

Thursday

Hardball

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

Hearts in Atlantis (PG-13)

A widowed mother and her son change when a mysterious stranger enters their lives.

Shallow Hal (9:30 p.m., R)

Hal was told to only date the youngest, prettiest women. As he reaches middle age, he's only appreciated women for their surface beauty. When he's hypnotized into only seeing women for their inner beauty, he meets a woman and falls in love with her inner self.

Saturday

Monsters Inc. (4, 7 and 9:30 p.m., G)

Since children are considered a threat to monsters, it's absolutely forbidden for anything from the human world to cross over into the monster world — even a stray sock alerts a task force. But one night after work, Sulley accidentally lets in a little human girl.

Sunday

Monsters Inc. (4 p.m.)

Don't Say a Word (R)

Dr. Nathan Conrad is a noted adolescent psychiatrist and has been asked to take care of a new patient named Elisabeth Burrows, a catatonic, violent but angelic-looking 18-year-old girl. Little does Conrad suspect that Burrows is tied to a danger that has closed in on him and his family. Ruthless thieves have kidnapped Conrad's daughter, and to save her, he must somehow unlock a six-digit number locked away in Burrows' troubled mind. With his daughter's captors watching his every move, Conrad is trapped in a nightmare even he could never have envisioned.

Monday

Hearts in Atlantis

Tuesday

Don't Say a Word

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.
For the most current information,
call 452-9441.

Lady Barons split season opener

Compiled from staff reports

The Lady Barons high school basketball team split its season opener with the Baumholder Bucs, winning 37-32 Dec. 7 and losing 37-35 Saturday.

In the first game, senior captain Constance Maziel accounted for more than half of the Bitburg points, scoring 20 and adding four steals and five rebounds.

Freshman center Nadia Parker scored 8 points, pulled down 11 rebounds and had three blocked shots in her first high school game. Junior captain Katie Carr added 6 points, six rebounds and seven steals.

Leading 30-26 through the first three quarters of game two, the Lady Barons appeared to have the game under control;

however, foul trouble plagued the team in the final quarter. The Bucs outscored Bitburg 11-5 in the fourth to take the win.

Parker led the Lady Barons attack with 12 points and 12 boards. Carr added 8 points, three rebounds and four steals. Maziel only hit for 6 points, but had six steals and five assists. Junior Nicole Goodlett, in her first high school basketball game, shot 50 percent from the field, pulled down 11 rebounds and made five steals.

Poor free throw shooting largely contributed to the loss. Bitburg missed seven foul shots in the fourth quarter alone and went 7 of 23 from the charity line throughout the entire game.

BHS also split its junior varsity matches,

winning 11-8 Dec. 7 and losing 27-17 Saturday. Chelsea Gavagan led the scoring in JV action with a combined 9 points. Tiffany Robertson scored 6 and Desiree Kulscar added 5.

"The Barons are a young, inexperienced team," said Coach Denny Lemmon. "They're working hard and have the determination, but they need to improve in many areas, especially in cutting back on the number of turnovers."

The Lady Barons next host Vilseck High School Saturday in their first division game. The girls JV game begins at 10 a.m., followed by the boys JV at 11:30 a.m., varsity girls at 1 p.m. and varsity boys at 2:30 p.m. All games are played on the French Caserne on the Bitburg Annex.

HS wrestlers open season with tournament

Overall team finishes second; four individuals place first

Compiled from staff reports

Bitburg High School's wrestling team opened the season with a second place finish in its Baron Round Robin Rumble tournament Saturday.

Patch Barracks High School snatched first place, followed by the home team, Brussels, Mannheim, Allied Forces North and Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe.

Four BHS wrestlers placed first in their weight class - Jeremy Ponce, 140 pounds; Rob Gibson, 152; Jordan Watts, 160; and Matt Holas, 275.

In addition, five other wrestlers placed second or third in their weight classes - Jacob Smithee, 119 pounds, second; Jeremy Wooten, 275, second; Braden Blake, 152, third; and Preston Runquist, 189, third.

Middle school wrestlers, made up of seventh and eighth grade students from both Spangdahlem and Bitburg, took first place.

Two matches turned out to be the highlight of the one-day tournament, both featuring female wrestlers.

Sophomore Crystal Camacho won her first match of the season against Mannheim. She set the stage for Nicole Smithee, sister of the Barons' two-time All-European wrestler. Smithee's match kept the fans on the edge of their seats as she put her SHAPE opponent on his back several times during the match, said Barons wrestling Coach Ethan Lake.

"The crowd noise was so loud that matches on the other wrestling mat were temporarily stopped until after the end of

Krystal Camacho breaks down her Mannheim opponent as she overpowers him to win her match during Saturday's meet.

Nicole's match," Lake said.

She was winning by four points in the third and final period before she got caught in a half nelson. She soon found herself down by a point as the clock ticked down.

"Everyone went wild cheering for her to get one point for the tie and force overtime," Lake said. "Although she ended up losing by one point, the crowd really showed her favor as they clapped for her courageous effort."

"After Saturday's match, many will now see her as a wrestler to be reckoned with and not just Jacob's sister."

The Barons travel to Ramstein Saturday for a tournament that starts at 10 a.m.

Eifel sports world

Varsity basketball

Shawn Marshal scored 31 points as the Spangdahlem Sabers varsity men's basketball team defeated Darmstadt 91-88 in their home opener Dec. 1.

Henry Wilkerson added 19 points with Ken Plott pulling down 18 rebounds.

In women's action, Darmstadt beat the Lady Sabers 67-52 in what appeared early on to be a real blowout.

At the end of the first half, the Spangdahlem women's varsity team was down 31-6. Lead by Julie Whittingham with 25 points, the Lady Sabers ended up short in the end. Tracie Davis added 12 points.

Both teams return to home court Saturday against Baumholder. Game time is 1 p.m. for the women and 3 p.m. for the men in the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center. These are the last games of 2001. Varsity action picks back up in February.

Underground mountain biking

Outdoor recreation takes a trip to the caves of Valkenburg, Netherlands, Sunday. The caves remain a constant temperature and offer 10 kilometers of manmade passages.

After riding in the caves, people can soak in the Theme 2000 Spa or hike castle ruins followed by dinner in town. Cost is \$45 per

person, \$30 without the spa, and includes transportation, entry fee, bicycle rental and cave helmet with light. Dinner isn't included.

Hunting class

An orientation meeting concerning a possible hunting class takes place at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the back room of the outdoor recreation facility. People interested in attending the required 36-hour course to become a licensed hunter in the Rheinland-Pfalz are asked to attend. Class fee and an agenda for when and where the class will be taught will be discussed. For more information, call outdoor recreation at 452-7176.